

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

B-2342
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Samuelson's Boston Loans

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

426 W. Baltimore Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

☒ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE
☒ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☒ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL &
ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CITY, TOWN

Room 900

STATE

26 South Calvert St.
Baltimore, Md. 21202

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story high, three bay wide, five bay deep commercial building has a brownstone front. The side of the building which is probably of brick has been covered with concrete.

The first floor of the building has a central recessed entrance filled with a glass door. High brick bases with plate glass windows are set at the sides. Above the windows and door is a band of aggregate material with inset shop sign, which extends across the facade of the building to the east. A minor brownstone cornice on slim brackets skirts the top of the aggregate. At the southwest corner of the building, a brownstone pilaster with Ionic capital and circle and lozenge relief remains.

Second floor windows are round-arched with brownstone hoods and sills. The hoods are round-arched and run to the spring points of the arches, where horizontal moldings run between hoods. Carved floral ornaments top each hood. Windows are double hung with a traceried upper member over a six light lower sash. The tracery outlines a pair of tall round arched lights with a circular light in the spandrel.

Third floor bays are marked by sets of slim round-arched windows which are double hung with one-over-two lights. Sills are bracketed with label moldings at the sides, and scaled down version of the second floor hoods top each. The brownstone cornice has a lower string to define a frieze area. The deeply projecting cornice is supported on brackets and dentils.

The side of the building is marked with rows of segmentally arched windows, most of which have been boarded. Hoods drop to 2/3 the height of each; sills are of stone. Second and third floor windows are double hung with two-over-four lights.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1855

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A fine ante-bellum brownstone business building with traceried windows intact on the upper floors. Very rare.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Planning Assistants

ORGANIZATION

COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL &
ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION
Room 900

DATE

1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

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Baltimore, Md. 21202

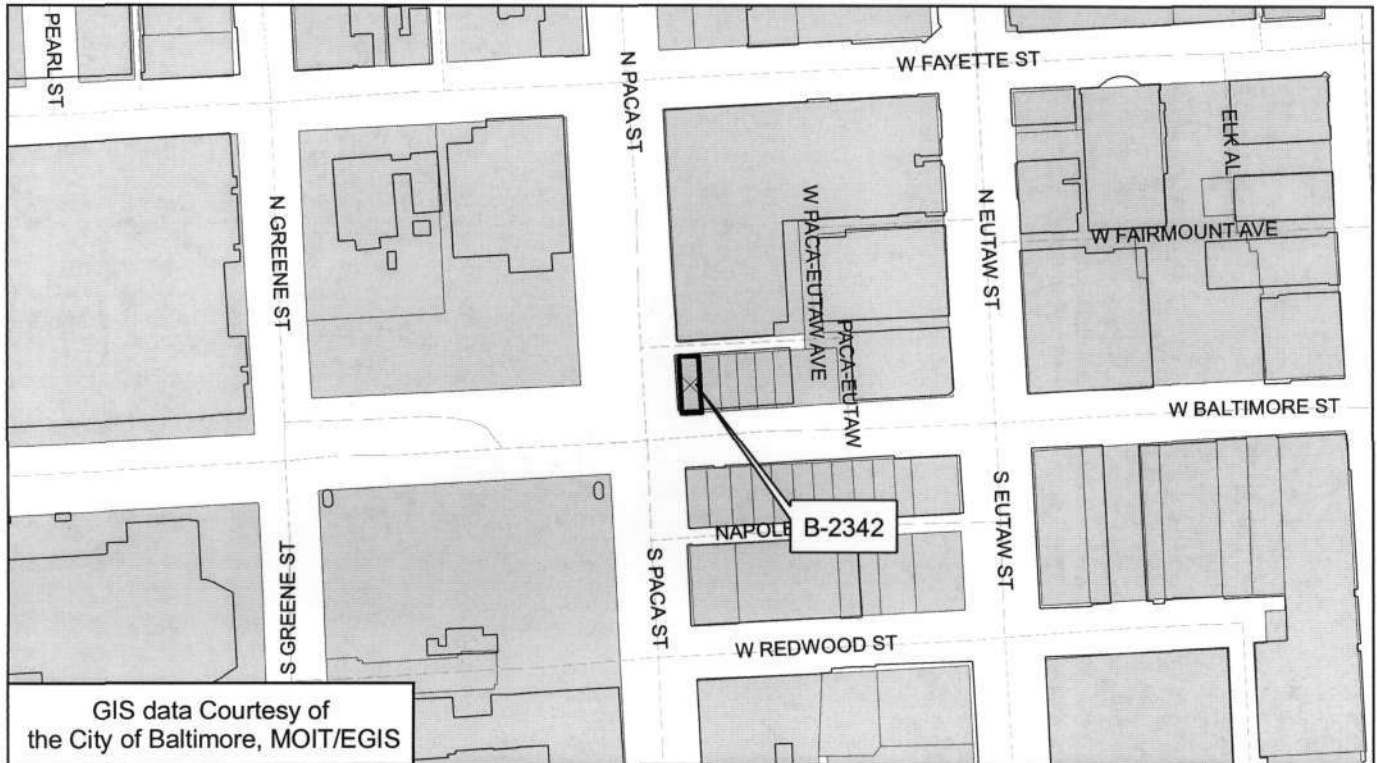
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

B-2342
People's National Bank (Samuelson's Boston Loans)
426 W. Baltimore Street
Block 631 Lot 007
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





426 W. Baltimore St.

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Neg #

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B. Pincus

Block

631

B-2342

Peoples National Bank
426 West Baltimore Street
Private

ca. 1859-60

The Peoples National Bank Building is significant for its Renaissance Revival brownstone exterior, the only extensive use of brownstone as a building material other than the Eutaw Savings Bank (B-2336) in the Retail District. The Peoples National Bank built and occupied the building from about 1860 to 1883.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Peoples National Bankand/or common Samuelson's Boston Loans

2. Location

street & number 426 West Baltimore Street not for publicationcity, town Baltimore vicinity of congressional district 3rdstate Maryland county

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u>X</u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Milton Samuelsonstreet & number 426 West Baltimore Street telephone no.: 837-0207city, town Baltimore state and zip code MD 21201

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Courthouse liber SEB 253street & number Fayette and Calvert Streets folio 451city, town Baltimore state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Baltimore Retail District Surveydate 1980 X federal state county X localdepository for survey records Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservationcity, town Baltimore state MD

7. Description

Survey No. B-2342

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SUMMARY:

The Peoples National Bank Building is a three-story brick commercial building with an ashlar brownstone main elevation built about 1859-60 on the northeast corner of West Baltimore and North Paca Streets in central Baltimore, Maryland. The principal elevation faces south and has elaborately decorated round-arched brownstone window hoods. The first story has been altered with the addition of plate glass display windows, a recessed entrance, and a heavy concrete aggregate sign panel which extends across to the adjoining building. The west elevation has five bays with less elaborate window hoods over segmental arched windows. The ground floor windows have been stuccoed over. The building is currently used as a pawn shop.

General Description:

The Peoples National Bank Building is a flat-roofed three-story commercial building built about 1859-60 with a three-bay main elevation. The first floor storefront has been heavily altered. The recessed central doorway is flanked by plate glass windows on brick bases. Above the door and windows is a wide concrete aggregate sign panel which continues across to the adjoining facade on the east.

The upper two stories are virtually unchanged except for painted-over windows. The wall surface is covered with ashlar brownstone. The second story has large round-arched windows with traceried upper sash over six-light lower sash. The center window has plain sash over six lights. The windows are topped by hoods with floral clusters centered over each arch. The third story has pairs of narrow round-arched windows in each bay. These have three vertical lights and hoods duplicating those of the second story.

The west elevation has five bays with segmental-arched hooded windows. The wall is stuccoed and the first story windows are also stuccoed over. Advertising signs have been painted in each opening. The upper story windows are painted over and have 2/4 sash. An iron fire escape extends from the roof to the second floor in the center of the elevation. The cornice has a wide overhang and scroll brackets and continues on the main elevation. The north elevation is common bond brick and all door and window openings are closed off.

8. Significance

Survey No. B-2342

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1859–60

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SUMMARY:

The Peoples National Bank Building is significant for its Renaissance Revival brownstone exterior, the only extensive use of brownstone as a building material other than the Eutaw Savings Bank (B-2336) in the Retail District. The Peoples National Bank built and occupied the building from about 1860 to 1883.

History and Support:

The Peoples National Bank was chartered in 1856 as the Fremont Savings Institution and had its first office at 727 West Baltimore Street (pre-1887 number). In 1858 or 1859, the bank moved closer to the Retail District around Lexington Market, occupying a building on the northeast corner of Eutaw and Paca Streets. Land had been purchased at the northeast corner of Baltimore and Paca Streets in 1857 and in 1860, the present structure was ready for business. An unconfirmed report from a later owner states that an officer of the bank, David Carson, was the architect. The new building offered a distinctive image in an area quickly being built up with cast iron fronts and brick buildings. Most banks in the mid-19th century resembled office buildings and the Peoples National Bank was a good example of the type. By 1883, however, the Peoples Bank had outgrown its building and moved to a new bank building at Hopkins Place and Lombard Street. From that year until 1928, nothing is known of its use. In 1928, Joseph Guss woolens leased the building and remained until at least the mid-1960's.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. B-2342

Baltimore City Directories
CHAP file

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Baltimore East

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

B

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

co-terminous with lot approx. 45 ft. 3 in. x 60 ft.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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date April 1986

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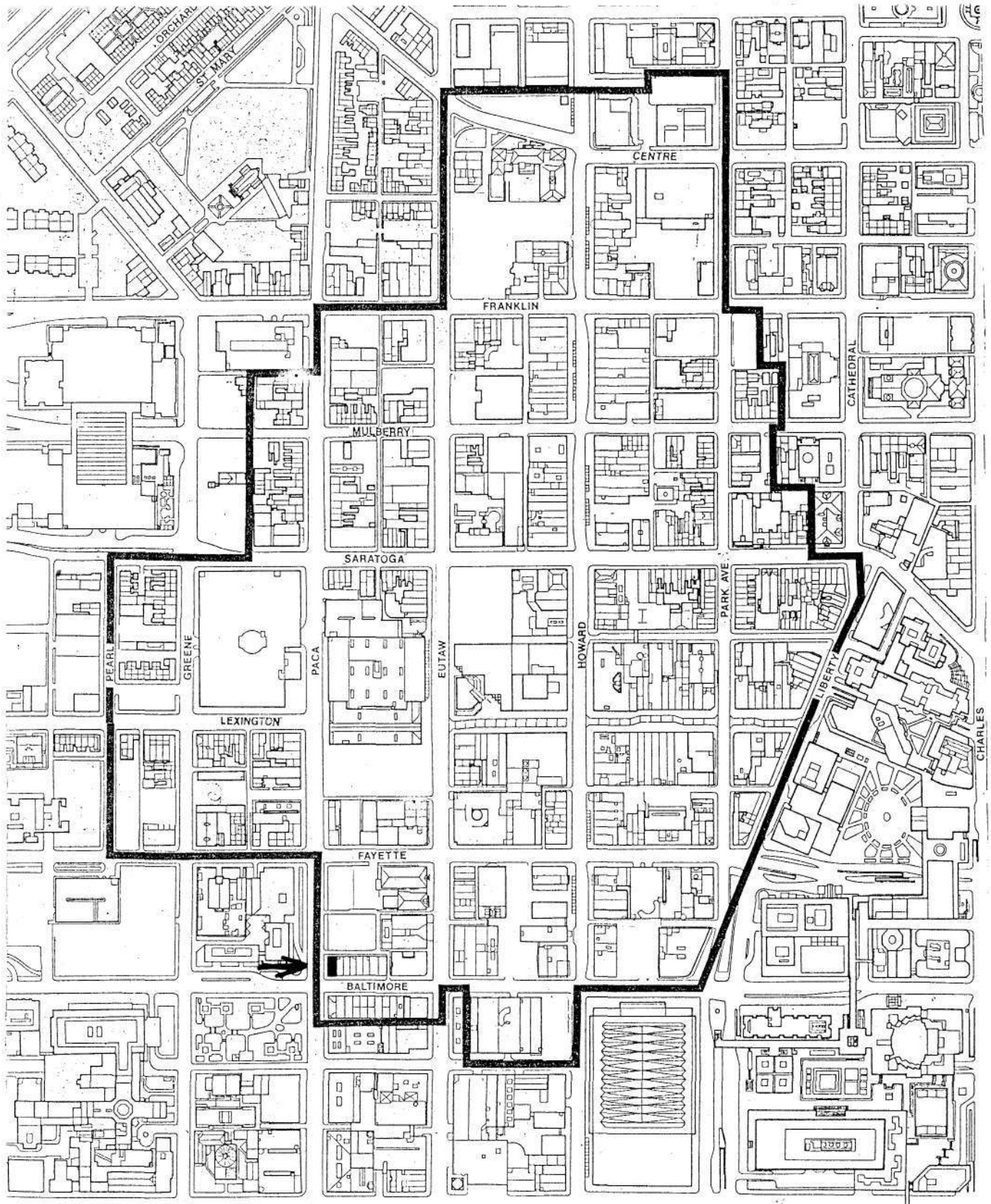
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 Market Center
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 B-2342





Peoples National Bank Building B-2342
426 West Baltimore Street
Market Center - Metrocenter Survey
Baltimore (City), Maryland
Photo: Janet Davis
March 1986
Neg. loc.: Maryland Historical Trust
Southwest corner view
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